

810-5-1-.210 Extending the Period for Use of Standard and Distinctive License Plates.
(REPEALED)

(1) The term “standard license plates” as used in this rule shall be deemed to include the following license plate categories:

- (a) Passenger automobile license plates;
- (b) License plates for trucks with gross weights not exceeding 12,000 pounds;
- (c) License plates for utility and travel trailers;
- (d) License plates for motor homes with gross weights not exceeding 12,000 pounds.

1. The term “distinctive license plates” as used in this rule shall be deemed to include collegiate license plates as authorized under Section 32-6-150 and the various multi-year military and other specialty plates authorized under Chapter 6 of Title 32 and Chapter 12 of Title 40.

(2) This rule shall not pertain to the following categories of license plates:

- (a) Apportioned
- (b) State, county or municipal government (including motorcycles)
- (c) Public Utility Departments
- (d) Temporary (including Manufacturer Temporary)
- (e) Volunteer Fire Departments
- (f) Federal Government Loaned Vehicles
- (g) National Guard (including disability access)
- (h) Purple Heart (including disability access)
- (i) Prisoner of War (including disability access)
- (j) Medal of Honor Recipient (including disability access)
- (k) Vintage Vehicle (including motorcycle)
- (l) Consular Official
- (m) USS Alabama Battleship Commission

- (n) Standard motorcycle
- (o) Manufacturer
- (p) Dealer (including dealer motorcycle)
- (q) Trailer
- (r) Ambulance/Hearse
- (s) Commercial Bus
- (t) Taxi
- (u) Rental Trailer
- (v) Trucks with gross weights exceeding 12,000 pounds
- (w) Farm trucks
- (x) Forest products trucks
- (y) Motor homes (exceeding 12,000 pounds gvw)

(3) Under the authority of Section 32-6-53, Code of Alabama 1975, and pursuant to the issuance of a proclamation of emergency under date of February 19, 2004 by Governor Bob Riley, the Commissioner of Revenue hereby extends the period of use of standard and distinctive license plates for a two-year period; accordingly, the issuance of the next series of standard license plates shall be delayed until the period January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009, and the current series of standard license plates ("Stars Fell on Alabama") shall be extended until the new series is issued.

(4) Any new distinctive license plate categories created either by legislative action or through the pre-commitment process as provided in Chapter 6 of Title 32, on or after January 1, 2004, shall be valid for a period of five (5) years as provided in Section 32-6-62. Furthermore, any existing distinctive license plate category which is due to be reissued during the period from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007 will be extended for an additional two-year period.

(5) The extension herein provided refers to the use of the metal license plate, and does not extend the period for annual reregistration of the vehicle. Vehicle owners shall continue to timely renew their registrations in their designated renewal month, including payment of ad valorem taxes, issuance fees, and registration fees, and shall be issued revalidation decals to be attached to the license plates.

(6) Anyone acquiring a vehicle subject to registration in Alabama during the period beginning January 1, 2007 and extending through December 31, 2008, desiring a standard license plate, shall be issued the license plate series that was originally issued beginning January 1, 2002 (the "Stars Fell on Alabama" series).

(7) In the event the license plate becomes illegible or deteriorates to the condition that law enforcement could have difficulty reading the license plate or determining the type of license plate, the owner shall return to his or her license plate issuing official, and upon surrender of the original license plate and payment of the appropriate fee, secure a replacement license plate as authorized under Section 40-12-265.

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